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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII), as amended by the Council in its decision of 19 December 1968, information on the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 2012 is set out in the annex to the present note.

2. Under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 1147 (XLI), in 2012 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The pattern applicable to each functional commission is indicated in the annex, together with the current membership.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2012

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Botswana (2013), Cameroon (2013), Morocco (2013), Niger (2015), United Republic of Tanzania (2015)

Four members from Asia-Pacific States

China* (2012), Japan* (2012), Mongolia (2015), Oman (2015)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia* (2012), Czech Republic (2015), Hungary (2015), Russian Federation (2013)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Colombia (2013), Cuba (2015), Mexico* (2012), Suriname* (2012)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Australia (2013), Germany* (2012), Italy (2013), Netherlands* (2012), Norway (2013), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2012), United States of America (2015)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from Asia-Pacific States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term: membership for the forty-sixth session (2012-2013))[a]

Twelve members from African States

Algeria (2015), Angola (2014), Côte d'Ivoire* (2013), Democratic Republic of the Congo* (2013), Egypt (2016), Gabon (2015), Ghana (2014), Malawi (2014), Rwanda* (2013), Senegal (2014), Uganda (2016), United Republic of Tanzania (2016)

Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States[b]

Bangladesh* (2013), China (2014), India (2014), Indonesia* (2013), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2015), Japan (2016), Malaysia (2014), Pakistan* (2013), Philippines (2014), Turkmenistan (2015)

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (2013), Georgia (2015), Hungary (2014), Republic of Moldova (2016), Russian Federation (2014)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States[c]

Brazil* (2013), Cuba* (2013), Ecuador (2015), El Salvador (2015), Guatemala (2014), Haiti* (2013), Jamaica (2014), Saint Lucia (2014)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Belgium* (2013), Germany* (2013), Israel* (2013), Luxembourg (2014), Norway (2016), Portugal (2015), Spain (2016), Switzerland* (2013), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2014), United States of America (2014)

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Fourteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Three members from Asia-Pacific States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[a] In accordance with its decision 2005/213, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's forty-seventh session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session, in 2017.

[b] There is a vacancy in this group for one member whose term would begin at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-sixth session (held in 2012) and expire at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session, in 2016 (see decision 2011/201 C).

[c] There is a vacancy in this group for one member whose term would begin at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-sixth session (held in 2012) and expire at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session, in 2016 (see decision 2011/201 C).

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term: membership for the fifty-first session (2012-2013))[d]

Twelve members from African States

Burkina Faso (2015), Cameroon (2015), Egypt (2015), Ethiopia* (2013), Gabon* (2013), Lesotho* (2013), Liberia (2016), Mauritania (2016), Mauritius* (2013), Nigeria (2016), Sudan (2016), Zimbabwe (2015)

Ten members from Asia-Pacific States

Bangladesh (2015), China* (2013), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2013), Japan (2016), Mongolia (2016), Nepal (2015), Philippines* (2013), Qatar* (2013), Republic of Korea (2016), Viet Nam (2015)

Five members from Eastern European States[e]

Albania* (2013), Belarus (2016), Russian Federation (2016)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States[f]

Brazil* (2013), Cuba (2015), Ecuador (2016), Haiti* (2013), Mexico (2015), Peru (2015), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)* (2013)

Ten members from Western European and other States[g]

Andorra (2015), Germany (2016), Italy* (2013), Netherlands* (2013), Spain (2015), Sweden* (2013), Switzerland* (2013), United States of America (2016)

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Seventeen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asia-Pacific States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[d] In accordance with its decision 2002/210, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's fifty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2017.

[e] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session, in 2015 (see decision 2011/201 E).

[f] There are two vacancies in this group for members whose terms would begin on the date of election and expire at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2016 (see decision 2011/201 E).

[g] There are two vacancies in this group, one for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session, in 2015, and one for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2016 (see decision 2011/201 E).

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term: membership of the fifty-seventh session (2012-2013))[h]

Thirteen members from African States

Central African Republic (2014), Comoros (2014), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2015), Gambia (2014), Guinea* (2013), Liberia (2015), Libya (2014), Malawi (2016), Mauritania* (2013), Niger (2016), Rwanda* (2013), Swaziland (2014), Zimbabwe (2015)

Eleven members from Asia-Pacific States

Bangladesh (2014), China (2016), Indonesia (2016), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2015), Iraq* (2013), Japan* (2013), Malaysia (2014), Mongolia (2014), Philippines (2014), Republic of Korea (2014), Thailand (2015)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (2013), Estonia (2015), Georgia (2015), Russian Federation (2016)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2014), Brazil (2016), Colombia* (2013), Cuba (2016), Dominican Republic (2016), El Salvador (2014), Jamaica (2015), Nicaragua* (2013), Uruguay (2014)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2015), Finland (2016), Germany* (2013), Israel* (2013), Italy* (2013), Netherlands (2015), Spain (2015), United States of America (2016)

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Eleven members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Two members from Asia-Pacific States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[h] In accordance with its decision 2002/234, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's fifty-eighth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-first session, in 2017.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States[i]

Algeria (2015), Cameroon (2015), Côte d'Ivoire (2013), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2015), Ghana (2013), Namibia (2015), Sierra Leone (2013), Swaziland (2013), United Republic of Tanzania (2015), Zimbabwe (2015)

Twelve members from Asia-Pacific States[ii]

Afghanistan (2015), China (2015), India (2013), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2015), Japan (2015), Lao People's Democratic Republic (2013), Myanmar (2013), Pakistan (2015), Republic of Korea (2015), Saudi Arabia (2013), Thailand (2015), Turkmenistan (2015)

Six members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2013), Hungary (2015), Poland (2015), Romania (2013), Russian Federation (2013), Ukraine (2015)

Ten members from Latin American and Caribbean States[ii]

Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2013), Brazil (2013), Chile (2013), Colombia (2013), Guatemala (2015), Mexico (2015), Peru (2015), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2015), Suriname (2015), Uruguay (2015)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia (2013), Austria (2015), Belgium (2013), Canada (2013), Denmark (2015), France (2013), Germany (2015), Israel (2015), Italy (2015), Netherlands (2015), Spain (2015), Turkey (2015), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2013), United States of America (2015)

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There are no vacancies on the Commission to be filled in 2012.

* Retiring member.

[i] There is a vacancy in this group for one member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2015 (see decision 2011/201 D).

[ii] In accordance with Council resolution 1991/49, one seat rotates between Asia-Pacific States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat was allocated to Asia-Pacific States in 2011 for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2012, thus giving Asia-Pacific States 12 seats and Latin American and Caribbean States 10 seats.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria (2014), Angola* (2012), Benin* (2012), Cameroon* (2012), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2014), Kenya (2014), Mauritius (2014), Nigeria* (2012), Sierra Leone (2014), South Africa (2014), Tunisia (2014), Uganda (2014)

Nine members from Asia-Pacific States

China (2014), India* (2012), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2012), Japan (2014), Pakistan* (2012), Philippines* (2012), Saudi Arabia* (2012), Thailand (2014), United Arab Emirates (2014)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (2012), Croatia (2014), Russian Federation (2014), Ukraine* (2012)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina* (2012), Brazil* (2012), Chile* (2012), Colombia (2014), Cuba (2014), Mexico* (2012), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines* (2012), Uruguay (2014)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Austria (2014), Canada* (2012), Germany (2014), Italy (2014), Turkey* (2012), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2012), United States of America* (2012)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Five members from Asia-Pacific States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Five members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term: membership for the twenty-first session (2012-2013))[k]

Thirteen seats for African States

Algeria* (2013), Angola (2014), Benin* (2013), Botswana (2014), Congo (2014), Côte d'Ivoire* (2013), Equatorial Guinea (2014), Kenya (2015), Lesotho (2014), Liberia (2015), Sudan (2015), Togo* (2013), Uganda (2015)

Eleven seats for Asia-Pacific States

China (2015), Indonesia (2014), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2015), Japan (2014), Kazakhstan* (2013), Lebanon (2014), Malaysia* (2013), Mongolia* (2013), Pakistan (2015), Saudi Arabia (2014), Thailand* (2013)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Armenia (2014), Belarus* (2013), Bulgaria (2015), Hungary (2015), Latvia* (2013), Montenegro (2014)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2015), Bahamas* (2013), Brazil (2014), Cuba (2015), El Salvador (2014), Haiti (2015), Mexico (2014), Nicaragua (2014), Panama* (2013), Peru* (2013)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States

Australia (2015), Belgium (2014), Denmark* (2013), France* (2013), Germany (2014), Ireland (2015), Israel (2014), Italy (2014), Netherlands* (2013), Norway* (2013), Spain (2014), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2015), United States of America (2015)

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Seventeen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asia-Pacific States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[k] In accordance with its resolution 1997/63, the Council will elect the new members for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting (held in 2013) of the Commission's twenty-second session and expiring at the close of the Commission's twenty-fourth session, in 2016.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(43 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Democratic Republic of the Congo* (2012), Equatorial Guinea* (2012), Ghana* (2012), Lesotho (2014), Mali* (2012), Mauritius (2014), Rwanda (2014), South Africa* (2012), Togo (2014), Tunisia (2014), United Republic of Tanzania (2014)

Nine members from Asia-Pacific States

China (2014), India (2014), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2014), Jordan* (2012), Oman* (2012), Pakistan* (2012), Philippines (2014), Saudi Arabia (2014), Sri Lanka* (2012)

Five members from Eastern European States

Bulgaria (2014), Hungary (2014), Latvia (2014), Russian Federation* (2012), Slovakia* (2012)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil* (2012), Chile* (2012), Costa Rica* (2012), Cuba (2014), Dominican Republic (2014), El Salvador (2014), Jamaica* (2012), Peru (2014)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Austria* (2012), Finland* (2012), France (2014), Israel* (2012), Malta (2014), Portugal* (2012), Sweden (2014), Switzerland* (2012), Turkey (2014), United States of America (2014)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Four members from Asia-Pacific States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.